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CIA Director Turner is cagey

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Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of the CIA, was in Detroit yesterday to drum up support for the agency and its new gospel of openness.

But he ended up illustrating the limits of candor by refusing to comment on the nuclear-powered monitoring device his predecessors allegedly left on an Indian mountaintop.

"Often, we can't defend ourselves

against false accusations," Turner replied yesterday when asked about a magazine report that CIA agents lost a device containing highly radioactive plutonium 238 in the Himalayan Mountains 13 years ago.

"If I comment, I am vulnerable when



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CIA BRIEFING FOR DETROIT-AREA TEENS — Three high school students, guests of the Economic Club for Adm. Stansfield Turner's appearance yesterday, chat with the CIA director. The students (from left) are Kathy Monarch, of Lincoln High School; Robert Rockwell, of Mott Senior High School, and Kathy's sister, Andrea. The Economic Club regularly invites high school students to its speaking luncheons.

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